

MINUTES ADOPTED AS PRESENTED 05/05/2014

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Kaupin in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, April 21, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m.

PRAYER – The Prayer was given by Chairman Lee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilmen Arnone, Bosco, Cekala, Deni, Edgar, Hall, Kaupin Lee, Mangini, Stokes and Szewczak. Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Assistant Town Manager, Derrik Kennedy; Assistant Town Manager of Development Services, Courtney Hendricson; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki; Town Attorney, Kevin Deneen; Director of EMS, Gary Wiemokly

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Kaupin made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #2663 by Councilman Mangini, seconded by Councilman Deni to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2014 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2663** adopted 10-0-0. Councilman Bosco absent at the vote.

MOTION #2664 by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Arnone to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2014 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2664** adopted 10-0-0.

MOTION #2665 by Councilman Mangini, seconded by Councilman Hall to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2665** adopted 10-0-0.

MOTION #2666 by Councilman Mangini, seconded by Councilman Deni to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2014 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2666** adopted 9-0-1, with Councilman Edgar abstaining.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Present for this presentation were representatives from KITE – Karen Weseliza, Jennifer Moncuse and Chris Gomeau

Ms. Weseliza stated they need to reapply for a grant, and they do so with permission from the Board of Education and the Town Council since this is a collaborative grant. She noted the grant cycle is from 2014 to 2015. She distributed a packet which contained information concerning KITE and what they do and where they've been. She explained this is an initiative that started in 2001 with the bulk of their funding coming from the William Casper Graustein Memorial Fund. She noted at that time they developed a community plan. She stated the mission of KITE is to provide information and access to early care and education opportunities for families in Enfield.

Councilman Mangini stated she is proud of this program and she appreciates the hard work that goes into this program. She noted she serves as the Youth Education and Families designee from Connecticut, and at the recent Washington, D.C. meeting, she learned the average focus for many states is the age of eight. She pointed out Enfield is so far ahead, and the results can be seen in Enfield's pre-schoolers.

Ms. Weseliza stated KITE in Enfield is very progressive compared to a lot of other towns.

Ms. Moncuse stated her belief Enfield is a leader in the State of Connecticut as far as the work that they do toward early childhood and improving the lives of Enfield children. She noted they're continually being asked to join committees and provide information to different towns.

Ms. Gomeau stated Enfield was chosen as one of the communities to participate in the state-wide three-to-three initiative. She explained they're able to take a team from Enfield and create a three-to-three plan for young children so they're aligning curriculums between early care and education so children will come to kindergarten prepared to learn and be successful. She stated another important part of their work has been in the health field, specifically in the area of developmental screening and mental behavior health initiatives. She noted they've been recognized by the William Casper Graustein Memorial Fund and others concerning the work being done in Enfield.

Councilman Stokes commended KITE for doing a great job.

Councilman Arnone commended KITE for their outstanding work.

Councilman Deni stated his belief KITE is doing an outstanding job, and he recommended the Council support them 100%.

Chairman Kaupin commended KITE for their great work and collaboration across the community.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Steve Moriarty, 24 Sidor Drive

Recommended everyone participate in Earth Day activities. He advised people to look into recycling and going organic.

COUNCILMEN COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Councilman Mangini requested an update on the St. Bernard's traffic issue.

She stated the Mt. Carmel Easter Egg Hunt was a great success with hundreds of children participating in that event.

Councilman Szewczak stated she had the opportunity to hear Mark Fenton speak, and he was inspiring. She noted she would really like to see Enfield declared a bike friendly community.

Councilman Deni stated he is not against conservation and open space, however, he does not feel the Connecticut Water parcel is a good piece for that purpose.

He noted he has not seen the results of the investigation on the CREC building project.

Councilman Hall questioned the status on the Cease and Desist Order on the CREC construction project.

Councilman Arnone stated he saw soil being moved at the CREC construction site.

Councilman Lee requested an update on Buckhorn.

He questioned when they will be talking about the Still Meadow report.

MOTION #2667 by Councilman Lee, seconded by Councilman Hall to suspend the rules to address under Miscellaneous Items 14 B1, B2, B3, D, E and F.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2667** adopted 10-0-0. Councilman Arnone absent at the vote.

Chairman Kaupin commended Courtney Hendrickson, the Development Services staff and land use boards for a great Thompsonville celebration and awards ceremony last week.

He noted he and Councilman Bosco had a meeting last week with the Enfield Cemetery Association concerning what happened at the Hazardville Cemetery. He stated there was discussion about improved communication through technology, and the Association was very receptive to the Town helping them.

He stated a book entitled, "Enfield, Connecticut-Stories Carved in Stone" is being sold by the Cemetery Association. He noted this book goes through the history found in Enfield cemeteries. He stated people can purchase this book by contacting Attorney Richard Tatoian, President of the Cemetery Association at 860-741-2404.

Chairman Kaupin stated he spent Saturday night with the Enfield Police Department at their DUI checkpoint on Elm Street. He noted the first two incidents involved arrests for heroine. He pointed out these were people driving in decent cars, dressed well, not living in Thompsonville, but living in other sections of Enfield, or coming from out of town.

Chairman Kaupin stated the Earth Day celebration is scheduled for this Thursday.

He noted the public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. at Enfield High School.

He stated the Scantic Spring Splash is scheduled for Sunday, May 4th at 11:00 a.m.

He noted on Sunday, May 4th at 1:00 p.m. there will be a Centennial Anniversary Celebration at the Pearl Street Library.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Coppler stated on Thursday, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., there will be an Earth Day Celebration at Freshwater Pond. He noted there will be music, food and ideas on how to live green.

As concerns Buckhorn Estates, Mr. Coppler stated Representative Kiner was possibly getting money under the Emergency LOCIP, however, in order for that funding to take effect, it has to be a natural disaster. He noted Rep. Kiner has had discussions at the state level about putting this item on the bonding resolution, and he will keep the Town up-to-date on this.

Councilman Bosco stated his belief they should also look at some of the feeder roads that are in bad condition. He noted they should also try to get money for those roads.

Councilman Lee questioned whether it's known what would be done with any type of allocation that became available. He questioned whether there are some things they can work on this season. Mr. Coppler stated they haven't done any engineering on any of the other roads in Buckhorn. He noted they did engineering on part of Kimberly Road and four other roads in bad condition. He feels it would be prudent to figure out a way to get engineering started on the other roads. He stated engineering could take four to six months. He noted a lot of money would have to be spent on engineering first.

Councilman Lee questioned whether anything has been heard from Northeast Utilities and Yankee Gas as concerns what's being found under the roads in Buckland. Mr. Coppler stated they feel the work they have done will address the majority of the issues.

Councilman Lee stated he would like the utility companies involved when the Town starts working on Kimberly. Mr. Coppler stated the utility companies are aware of the Town's plan.

Mr. Coppler stated the DOT is considering a project on Route 5 from East Windsor to Oliver Road, and there's a possibility of taking that from four lanes to two lanes and making room for a bike path.

Councilman Hall requested the Town Manager look into whether DOT will address traffic safety issues near Oliver Road.

Councilman Lee requested the Town Manager look into whether DOT can include reverse direction opportunities in front of Calvary Church.

Councilman Lee questioned whether this means DOT isn't pursuing the 190 Bridge work, and Mr. Coppler indicated he'd check into that.

Mr. Coppler stated he will be getting a date for a public information meeting concerning Still Meadow.

As concerns the demolition of the Higgins building, Mr. Coppler stated it was discovered during remediation work that there are a number of structural issues, therefore, remediation work will be part of the demolition work. He stated his belief demolition may start on Monday.

Mr. Coppler stated he will follow-up on the St. Bernard's traffic situation.

Councilman Mangini stated at some point, they need to get back to St. Bernard's concerning people not parking in certain areas.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Deneen stated a Cease and Desist Order was issued by the Town's Zoning Enforcement Officer and CREC filed an appeal with the Zoning Board of Appeals. He noted the ZBA upheld the order, and subsequent to that CREC has filed an appeal of that decision with the Connecticut Superior Court. He stated they also filed a related lawsuit. He noted the Town will file the documents and transcripts from what occurred at the hearing. He stated CREC filed a second lawsuit independent of that, but related, which basically asserts the same things they said in the hearing itself. He stated he has to be careful discussing this in open session because there's pending litigation. He stated he continues working with the Charter Revision Commission, and they should have a final wrap up of their first draft before their next public hearing.

Chairman Kaupin stated the Charter Revision Commission has a public hearing on Tuesday, May 6th in the Enfield Room at 6:00 p.m. at which time they'll present their proposed changes to the Town Charter.

Councilman Hall questioned the Town's next step if CREC is moving around soil. Attorney Deneen stated that depends on what's being done. He noted that would be fine if the entity is doing work to bring things into compliance with earlier approvals. He stated if they're doing something that's an additional violation, then they may have to go back into a compliance hearing.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Enfield High School Renovation Building Committee

Councilman Szewczak questioned whether they have builders' risk in place. Mr. Coppler stated everything was approved from CIRMA and the Town's risk management. He noted he can confirm this.

OLD BUSINESS

All appointments remained tabled.

Items C. and D. remained tabled.

MOTION #2668 by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Arnone to remove Item E. from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2668** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #2669 by Councilman Lee, seconded by Councilman Mangini.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council hereby adopts the POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS, dated April 1, 2014.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2669** adopted 11-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS (TOWN COUNCIL)

NOMINATION #2670 by Councilman Lee to appoint Michael Scalzo (R) to the Enfield Revitalization Committee for a term which expires 4/30/17.

MOTION #2671 by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Cekala to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2671** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Michael Scalzo appointed to the Enfield Revitalization Strategy Committee by an 11-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #2672 by Councilman Lee to appoint Teri Anderson to the Enfield Revitalization Strategy Committee for a term which expires 4/30/17.

MOTION #2673 by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Hall to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2673** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Teri Anderson appointed to the Enfield Revitalization Strategy Committee by an 11-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #2674 by Councilman Lee to appoint Matthew Gilbert (R) to the Enfield Housing Authority Board for a term which expires 11/30/2015.

MOTION #2675 by Councilman Arnone, seconded by Councilman Deni to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2675** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Matthew Gilbert appointed to the Enfield Housing Authority by an 11-0-0 vote.

All other items remained on the agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION RE: ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE FOR AMENDING THE ENFIELD TOWN CODE, 86-182 AMOUNT OF CHARGE

Mr. Coppler stated he sent the Council a memo indicating staff is still reviewing some of the comments that were made at the public hearing. He suggested having a special meeting just for this item. The Council agreed to have that meeting on May 1st at 6:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

NOMINATION #2676 by Councilman Lee to reappoint Scott Kaupin (R) to the Hazardville Water Company Advisory for a term which expires 1/1/2016.

MOTION #2677 by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Lee to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2677** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Scott Kaupin reappointed to the Hazardville Water Company Advisory by an 11-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #2678 by Councilman Mangini to reappoint Andrew Urbanowicz (U) to the Hazardville Water Company Advisory for a term which expires 1/1/2016.

MOTION #2679 by Councilman Lee, seconded by Councilman Stokes to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2679** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Andrew Urbanowicz reappointed to the Hazardville Water Company Advisory by an 11-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #2680 by Councilman Lee to reappoint Charles Johnson (R) to the Connecticut Water Company Advisory for a term which expires 1/1/2016.

MOTION #2681 by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Arnone to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2681** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Charles Johnson reappointed to the Connecticut Water Company Advisory by an 11-0-0 vote.

RESOLUTION #2682 by Councilman Mangini, seconded by Councilman Hall.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO: Recreation Administration
Other Professional Services 26136001-533900 \$10,000

FROM: Recreation Administration
Salaries 26136001-511000 \$10,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 8, 2014.

/s/ A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #2682** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #2683 by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Mangini.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO: Other Professional Services 25222000-533900 \$40,000

FROM: Other Supplies/Materials 25222000-561900 \$40,000

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 14, 2014.

/s/ A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

Mr. Wiemokly reviewed the EMS budget.

Councilman Cekala questioned why there are 2013 and 2014 charges for both billing agencies, and Mr. Wiemokly explained billing agencies will bill on behalf of the Town, but the Town may not see the reimbursement for six to eight months. He noted the contract changed May 1st of last year and they were billed up to April 30th and a certain amount of funds that EMS recouped into this current fiscal year would be due to EMSI.

Councilman Arnone stated this is a very complicated system to bill. He noted he'd like to see what it would take to do this in-house and be more aggressive in recouping some money.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #2683** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #2684 by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Cekala.

RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Enfield Town Hall Council Chambers, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. to allow interested citizens an opportunity to express their opinion regarding the 2014 Neighborhood Assistance Act proposals.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #2684** adopted 11-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Karen LaPlante, 166 North Maple Street

Stated the Rain Barrel Program is still underway. She noted orders are being taken up until May 9th and the cost is \$75.00 per barrel. She stated they hold 60 gallons of water, and they have to be pre-ordered and prepaid. She noted further information is on the Town's website.

COUNCILMEN COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Bosco stated there's a big pothole on Fletcher Road.

Councilman Stokes thanked the Rotary Club for their shadowing program for the high schools. He noted some students were placed with Town staff, i.e., Social Services, EMS, the Police Department, and staff was very gracious and accommodating. He stated he heard some students had a tremendous experience. He thanked staff for doing a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2685 by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mangini to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #2685** adopted 11-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:50 p.m.